

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraphs/sections beginning on page 16, line 21 through line 33 as rewritten below:

The manufacturer keeps a table of all the features selected by each customer (user). If a customer's mailing machine needs replacing, an authorization code can be generated which provides the same features in the replacement mailing machine. The database of customer data in the customer mailing machine would also have to be copied to the new mailing machine. If a customer desires that another feature be added to the mailing machine, only a new authorization code has to be transmitted to the customer. In this event, generation of the new authorization code may include generation of a desired revenue or charge for enabling the new feature being added with the new authorization code. Since the postage meters of a particular type for a specific country all have the same software and hardware with all features, the new authorization code enables the requested features.